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engagement

Main Entry: **en·gage·ment** ⓪

Pronunciation: in-'gAj-m&nt, en-

Function: *noun*

1 a : an arrangement to meet or be present at a specified time and place <a dinner *engagement*> **b** : a job or period of employment especially as a performer

2 : something that *engages* : **PLEDGE**

3 a : the act of *engaging* : the state of being *engaged* **b** : emotional involvement or commitment <seesaws between obsessive *engagement* and ambiguous detachment -- Gary Taylor> **c** : **BETROTHAL**

4 : the state of being in gear

5 : a hostile encounter between military forces

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engage

Main Entry: **en·gage**

Pronunciation: in-'gAǝ, en-

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): **en·gaged**; **en·gag·ing**

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French *engagier*, from Old French, from *en-* + *gage* token, *gage*

transitive senses

1 : to offer (as one's word) as security for a debt or cause

2 a *obsolete* : to entangle or entrap in or as if in a snare or bog **b** : to attract and hold by influence or power **c** : to

interlock with : **MESH**; *also* : to cause (mechanical parts) to mesh

3 : to bind (as oneself) to do something; *especially* : to bind by a pledge to marry

4 a : to provide occupation for : **INVOLVE** <engage him in a new project> **b** : to arrange to obtain the use or services of : **HIRE**

5 a : to hold the attention of : **ENGROSS** <her work engages her completely> **b** : to induce to participate <engaged the shy boy in conversation>

6 a : to enter into contest with **b** : to bring together or interlock (weapons)

7 : to deal with especially at length

intransitive senses

1 a : to pledge oneself : **PROMISE** **b** : **GUARANTEE** <he engages for the honesty of his brother>

2 a : to begin and carry on an enterprise or activity <engaged in trade for a number of years> **b** : to take part :

PARTICIPATE <at college she engaged in gymnastics>

3 : to enter into conflict

4 : to come together and interlock (as of machinery parts) : be or become in gear

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interlock[1,verb] 
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Main Entry: **¹in·ter·lock** 

Pronunciation: "in-t&r-'lāk

Function: *verb*

intransitive senses : to become locked together or
interconnected

transitive senses

1 : to lock together : **UNITE**

2 : to connect so that the motion or operation of any part is
 constrained by another

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adjective

firmly joined together, especially by one part fitting into another:

This jigsaw puzzle has 1000 interlocking pieces.

The fish has strong jaws and sharp interlocking teeth.

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verb [I or T]

to fit together firmly:

The edges interlock to form a tight seal.





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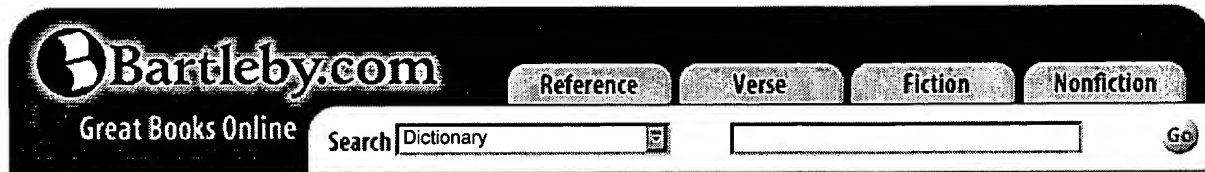
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SYLLABICATION: in·ter·lock

PRONUNCIATION: in'tər-lɒk'

VERB: Inflected forms: **in·ter·locked**, **in·ter·lock·ing**, **in·ter·locks**

TRANSITIVE VERB: **1.** To unite or join closely as by hooking or dovetailing. **2.** To connect together (parts of a mechanism, for example) so that the individual parts affect each other in motion or operation.

INTRANSITIVE VERB: To become united or joined closely, as by hooking or dovetailing.

NOUN: (in'tər-lɒk') **1.** *Computer Science* A device or instruction that coordinates two or more processes and prevents one operation from interfering with another. **2.** A stretchy fabric knitted with interlocking stitches by alternating sets of needles on a circular knitting machine.

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